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7. THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE "THE NATION" CARRIES AN
ARTICLE (REFERENCE B) ON THE FUTURE OF THAI/AMERICAN
RELATIONS BY A YOUNG CORRESPONDENT WHO HAS STUDIED IN
THE UNITED STATES. WHILE SAYING THAT THAILAND HAS NEVER
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BEEN A COLONY, HE ASSERTS THAT THAILAND MUST "ACCEPT THE FACT THAT EXTERNAL INFLUENCES ON PAST GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN VERY GREAT, PARTICULARLY THAT OF THE UNITED STATES." THE AUTHOR CALLS FOR THE NEW GOVERNMENT TO RETHINK THE NATURE OF THAI/AMERICAN RELATIONS. DISCUSSING AMERICAN TROOPS PRESENCE, HE SAYS THAT "REDUCING AMERICAN TROOP PRESENCE HERE HAS ALREADY STARTED, BUT WITH THE GREATEST RELUCTANCE; IT MUST BE SPEEDED UP." (A SEPTTEL ANALYZES THIS ARTICLE IN GREATER DETAIL.)

8. THE "BANGKOK POST" "ACTION DESK" COLUMN (REFERENCE A) AMOST COVERED THE ENTIRE EDITORIAL PAGE OCTOBER 19. MANY RESPONDENTS PRAISED THE BOY SCOUTS AND THE STUDENTS FOR TACKLING BANGKOK TRAFFIC. A SUGGESTION TO APPOINT A COMMANDO TEAM "TO HUNT AND FINISH OFF BOTH PRAPHAT AND NARONG" IS JUXTAPOSED WITH AN APPEAL THAT THE EXILED LEADERS HAVE SUFFERED ENOUGH. TWO CONTRIBUTORS ASKED THAT THE GOVERNMENT CONFISCATE AND RUN THE PROFITABLE MEKHONG WHISKEY DISTILLERY. ANOTHER APPEAL CALLED FOR AN INCREASE IN TEACHER SALARIES. A NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORS ASKED FOR A RETURN TO NORMALCY.
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